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## PROGRAM FOR THE BAPTIST ASSEMBLY

The second annual summer encampment of the Texas Assembly July 7 to 15 is to be even larger than last year. Many reservations have been made ahead. A tent city, similar to the tent cities of the California Coast last year, is being laid out in streets among the trees in the thirty acre Municipal Park at Teague, Texas. Mr. J. Wedd Davis, President of the Commercial Club, working with the Assembly Grounds Committee under Rev. L. B. Jenkins of Forney Texas, has announced that the Cafeteria, Athletic Field, Lecture Auditoriums and Tent Accommodations are believed to be now enlarged sufficient to guarantee convenience to all.

One of the feature speakers of the Texas Baptist Assembly at Teague this year is S. M. Brown D. D. of Kansas City Missouri. Dr. Brown for years has been Editor in Chief of the "Word and Way", one of the oldest and strongest Baptist papers in the world. His Chautauqua, Lecture and Pulpit ability is recognized internationally.

The first half of each day is divided into study periods. The afternoons are filled with items of recreation and athletics, such as tennis, Volley Ball, Kodaking, etc. All young men and women are asked to bring every Kodak and piece of athletic equipment possible. A strong address and a musical program each evening closes each day's full program.

Systematic courses in Sunday School, B. Y. P. U. Work and other church activities cover the study periods. In the forenoons the hundreds present are divided for this purpose in classes or small congregations, several running at the same time. Twelve prominent Baptists will conduct these courses. Diplomas from the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention are to be awarded to all who successfully pass the examinations on the last day of the Assembly. Rev. B. O. Harrell of Dallas is Dean of the Assembly in charge of the courses and lectures.

Rev. W. B. Bagby from Brazil, a foreign Missionary and a Texan, is another of the feature speakers. Dr. Bagby, with his grown daughter was born in Brazil, is now touring the South before returning to South America. He will arrive in Teague, Texas, in time for the formal opening of the Assembly July 7.

Singer Virgil O. Stamps of Timpson, Texas, has charge of organizing the entire musical program. Miss Alma Cameron of Jacksonville, Texas, is the Chief Pianist. "Music again this year is being made a great feature of the program," says the State President, C. C. Hayley of Dallas.

Rev. H. F. Aulick, the State Field Secretary of B. Y. P. U. and Sunday School Work under the Board of the Texas Baptist Missionary Association, has been designated as the Railroad Certificate Agent at the Assembly. He calls for all who do not come in automobiles to purchase their tickets one-way to Teague on July 5th, 6th or 7th. He adds that the purchaser be sure to secure the necessary certificate from the Ticket Agent to be O. K'd. at Teague by him in order to secure the reduced rates on the return. All who come to the Texas Baptist Assembly, whether by rail or automobile, are to bring their own bedding. It is optional whether those who come bring their own cooking utensils. Anyone, regardless whether Baptists or not, will be welcomed to participate with Baptists in all the benefits the same as last year.

## BROWN-RISTER

Rev. Ira L. Parrack, pastor of the Baptist church in his usual and appropriate way, on last Tuesday evening, at the home of the bride's parents, pronounced the words which bound in holy wedlock Mr. W. B. Brown and Miss Mary Agnes Rister, both well known and popular young people of Merkel. Only a few relatives and close friends were present to witness the happy event, and immediately after which the couple took the night train for a honey moon trip through the east.

The Mail joins a host of friends and admirers in extending congratulations and good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Brown.

L. R. Thompson, Cashier of the Farmers & Merchants National Bank will leave first of the week for a business trip to Galveston, Houston and other south Texas points.

## EPWORTH LEAGUE AND THE B. Y. P. U.

On July 5th which is a holiday and all work shops, stores, offices and business houses will be closed, the Epworth League of the Methodist Church and the B. Y. P. U. of the Baptist Church are to go together and celebrate the day picnicing.

We are going to the river beyond Hodges and spend the entire day in wholesome sport. All Members from both organizations are urged to go and take their friends with them.

We will meet at the Baptist Church Monday morning at 7:30 and leave from there at 7:45 prompt. Everyone that can take their cars so there will be ample room for all.

All who wish may take their bathing suits as there will be a fine place for bathing. The girls will bathe in the forenoon and the boys in the afternoon.

Lunch will be served at 1:30. The girls will carry sandwiches and the boys will furnish the drinks, and "Gather ye at the river, eat, drink and be merry." There will be plenty of chaperons, so come and be with us.

Yours for a good time, Presidents of both organizations.

## A VISIT TO BIG SPRING

The Editor and wife had the pleasure of accompanying Dr. J. T. Pue and wife on a trip first of the week to Big Spring and the Mt. Dowell well twenty-one miles southwest of that city, and near which the Doctor has some oil leases.

There is considerable interest at Big Spring and that section of the country, over the McDowell well, which is said to be standing from 1,500 to 2,000 ft. in oil. The company putting down this well are said to be well enough pleased with the outlook of same to be preparing to put up rigs for about eight more wells surrounding the discovery well. There were timbers on the ground for three rigs when we were there. We also found Big Spring to be one of the cleanest, prettiest and best town in all West Texas.

We are informed that Mrs. E. E. Leslie who underwent an operation at Abilene this week, is getting along nicely, and is expected to soon regain her former splendid health, all of which is earnestly hoped for by her many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Grimes returned last week from their visit to relatives and friends in the eastern part of the state.

## CABINET MEMBERS CHURCH RELATION

Senator Harding, the Republican Presidential nominee, is a member of the Baptist Church, and Governor Coolidge, the candidate for Vice-President, is a Congregationalist. Of the leading figures among the Democrats who are spoken of as possible candidates Mr. McAdoo is set down as an Episcopalian, as is Governor Edwards. Attorney General Palmer is a Quaker and Governor Cox of Ohio is a member of the United Brethren Church. Both President Wilson and Mr. Bryan, as is well known are Presbyterians.

It may be of interest also to give the denominational affiliations of the members of President Wilson's Cabinet from the time of his first inauguration to the present. They are as follows:

Department of State—William Jennings Bryan, Presbyterian; Robert Lansing, Presbyterian; Bainbridge Colby, Episcopalian.

Department of the Treasury, William G. McAdoo, Episcopalian; Carter Glass, Methodist; Daviv F. Houston, Episcopalian.

Department of War—Lindley M. Garrison, Episcopalian; Newton D. Baker, Episcopalian.

Department of Justice, James C. McReynolds, Disciples of Christ; Thomas W. Gregory, Presbyterian; A. Mitchell Palmer, Quaker.

Postoffice Department, Albert S. Burtleson, Episcopalian.

Department of the Navy, Josephus Daniels, Methodist.

Department of the Interior—Franklin K. Lane, Episcopalian; John Barton Payne, Episcopalian.

Department of Agriculture—David F. Houston, Episcopalian; Edwin T. Meredith, Methodist.

Department of Commerce—William W. Redfield, Episcopalian; Joshua W. Alexander, Christian.

Labor Department—William B. Wilson, Presbyterian.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Hood, of Greensburg, Kansas, came in today for a visit to their daughter Mrs. L. R. Thompson.

## MR. SEIGEL GOING EASTERN MARKETS

Mr. E. Siegle manager for the Economy Store announces that on next Sunday he will leave for the Eastern Markets where he will buy a large and complete stock of fall and winter goods for his firm. He will likely purchase a larger stock for this fall trade than he did last, and should the present fine crop outlook materialize this fall, he and all Merkel Merchants will enjoy a big trade.

## AN EXCITING RUN-AWAY

An exciting and dangerous runaway happened in this city Wednesday afternoon when the horse driven to a buggy by the little son of C. L. Tucker, became frightened at one shaft dropping down, and ran away. The accident happened as the boy was coming into town on Elm street. The little fellow was thrown from the vehicle as the turn was made in front of the Farmers State Bank and while not seriously it is thought, he was painfully bruised about the body.

Official Exploits of the German Submarine U35, you know where it will be.

## EX-SERVICE MEN'S ATTENTION CALLED

It will be remembered that some four weeks ago a crowd of ex-soldiers, sailors and marines got together and formed a temporary organization of the American Legion.

Sufficient number of men responded from Merkel and surrounding territory to get a charter which has just been received. The name and number of this Post is Merkel 233 as yet only temporary officers have been elected.

It is desired that a goodly number turn out Friday night July the 9th when we will go into the election of permanent officers, appointment of some very important committees and a general lot of business that is necessary to carry on the work.

If you are a member of some other Post we want you just the same. It is only a small matter to get your transfer to this one. You can do more good and receive more benefits here than elsewhere.

Parramore Post at Abilene now stands sixth place as to size in the state which is a record much to be proud of. We of Merkel and the Merkel country need to respond to the call of unity in token of our continued loyalty to the cause for which we once offered ourselves even to the supreme sacrifice.

Legionnaires of Abilene have sent out an invitation to all Legion members here to participate with them in a reunion at Abilene July 5th all day. There will be lots of fun from early morning until you wear the soles from your shoes dancing in the Elk Club that night.

Don't forget the date we want you here Friday night July 9th. Commercial Club rooms, Merkel Texas. R. I. Grimes, Temporary Commander, W. L. Diltz Jr., Temporary Adjutant.

We understand that Alvie Bland underwent an operation Tuesday of this week at Abilene for appendicitis. We are informed that the operation was successful and that the young man is getting along nicely.

## BLANTON-GRISHAM IN JOINT DEBATE

According to announcement, Hon. Thos. L. Blanton, Congressman from this district, and candidate for re-election and Hon. R. N. Grisham, of Eastland, candidate for this office, are to meet at Trent, on the morning of July 10, which is the second day of the big two-days celebration planned by that city.

As there is considerable interest and enthusiasm over this congressional race, it is likely that the people of Trent will witness the largest gathering of not only the people of this section, but many from all over this district will in all probability be there. So all who enjoy a real political debate should make their arrangements to be present on that date.

Yates Brown of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank, is spending a short vacation from his duties at the bank, at Palacios, Texas, where he goes as a delegate to the annual B.Y.P.U. encampment at that place.

Misses Irene Swann and Olive and Selma Teaff, left this week for Palacios, Texas, where they will attend the annual encampment of the State B. Y. P. U.

## GRIMES-REED

We are informed that Mr. D. Grimes and Miss Mary Reed, both prominent young people of this city, were happily united in matrimony at the first Methodist Church at Abilene, last Thursday morning at 6:30 a. m. by the pastor, Rev. J. W. Hunt.

The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Grimes of this city, and is a splendid young man of sterling character and good business ability, and the bride is the daughter of Mrs. T. G. Bragg, one of Merkel's most excellent and accomplished young ladies, and we join the happy couple's host of friends in extending congratulations and good wishes for a long, happy and prosperous married career.

Miss Beatrice Nidever, of Dallas, after a visit for some time with Miss Charlie Belle Thomas left first of the week for her home.

## GERMAN SUBMARINE SATURDAY

The scenes that are enacted on the German Submarine U35 are horrible to think of yet it is a fact. The picture that will be shown at the Gem Theatre Saturday all day was stolen out of Germany during the war by a Knight of Columbus Secretary and brought to this country. It is the most thrilling picture you have ever witnessed and will cause many mothers to remember what their sons went to France for.

## METHODIST CHURCH NOTE

Come to Sunday School at 10 o'clock our attendance is good and you will enjoy the Sunday School if you get in the habit of coming. The Sacrament of the Lords supper will be administered at the 11 o'clock hour. Mr. L. R. Thompson will make the four minute address on the worlds need of the gospel. At this hour we will take subscriptions to the regular Conference Collections, we trust so far as possible every member of the church will be present to take a part in this service. There will be the regular service at the evening hour 8:30 to which you are cordially invited.

The Epworth League will have a special Service at 6 p. m. for the ex-service men, let every soldier boy come to this service. W. M. Murrell, pastor.

## THURSDAY CLUB

The Thursday Club met Thursday afternoon of last week with Mrs. Robert Hicks. Sixteen members were present. Forty-two and other interesting games were enjoyed by those participating in games.

After a most delightful social time those present were served with refreshments consisting of Apricot Ice and angel food cake.

Mayor Stallings requests the Merkel Mail to state that in some places over the city the weeds have grown up so thick and tall that the city scavenger has difficulty in being able to do his work as well and with the ease he would if some of the citizens would cut the weeds and clean up the alleys adjacent to their property. So if you are guilty try cutting the weeds and otherwise cleaning up the alleys.

John Edwards and family returned to their home at Midland after a visit to the family of G. M. Sharp of this city.

Weigh your Hay. Phone 291. 2

## PROGRAM FOR THE PICNIC AT TRENT

The program for the two days picnic and Rodeo contest to be held at Trent Friday and Saturday July 9th and 10th will be found below.

### Friday July 9th.

Aviator Montague has agreed to be on the grounds with his Curtis training plane for the purpose of making passenger flights during the entire morning only.

12 to 1 o'clock visitors to spread their lunches in mesquite grove adjoining tabernacle. All parties are urged to bring their individual lunches. However the Methodist and Baptist Ladies of Trent will have a booth on the ground where sandwiches of chicken and other meats will be served in addition to pie and coffee. A nominal charge will be made for this and the proceeds of these sales will go entirely to the two churches.

1:15 Baseball, Sweetwater vs Trent.

3:15 is open for speakers for district offices and such candidates are invited to take this opportunity of addressing the people. Owing to the shortness of time, no county candidates are scheduled to speak on Friday afternoon.

3:45 The Rodeo contest will open with a BANG. Ben Howell is leaving nothing undone in his effort to make this worth your time. This contest will be hard on old clothes and cold footed bronco-busters. It will consist of steer, mule and wild horse riding and in addition goat roping and races.

8 p. m. Vaudeville at the Trent Auditorium.

### SATURDAY JULY 10th

Aviator Montague again. 10 a. m. Congressman Blanton and Hon. R. N. Grisham meet in joint discussion.

12:15 p. m. Lunch as on Friday and under same conditions.

1:15 p. m. Baseball, Sweetwater vs Trent.

3:15 Open time of thirty minutes for any speaking that may be provided for the visitors

3:45 Another Rodeo contest with the mistakes of the previous day corrected.

8:00 o'clock Vaudeville with change of programme.

Plenty cold bottle drinks, red lemonade and such on tap at all hours.

Don't forget the dates. Take a trip in the air. See the ball games. Hear Blanton and Grisham in their first joint discussion, it will be worth your trip here and remember the best Rodeo contest ever given in West Texas will be presented for your approval.

## THEATRE PARTY

Miss Mary Eulla Sears entertained with a Leap Year Theatre Party, honoring her cousins Misses Pearl and Odie Campbell of Paducah, Texas and Joyce Needham of Waco, Texas.

The girls made dates with the boys, who met in groups at different homes, and called for them there.

"Pollyanna" at the Cozy Theatre was the feature event of the evening. Of course the girls tried to treat the boys as they would be treated, so took them by the Merkel Drug Store for drinks.

All returned to the Sears home and here cars were furnished for a ride. Everyone wished their entertaining boosters - to create another just such amusement again soon.

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#### LESS CREDIT COST

It is believed that fewer farmers in debt than ever before in the history of agriculture in this country. There are several things that cause this, but the principal one is that farmers have become tired of paying the high cost of credit. As a result of this what we produce this year will in a large measure be cash income to buy the things we need to increase our output or to live comfortably upon during the next year.

Store accounts are not nearly so numerous as they were in past years. Borrowing at banks has not been so frequent as it once was. Farmers of the southwest will in a large measure get the benefits of the prices they get for their crops and animals this year and are likely to be more prosperous as a result. Products that are not owed may be retained and marketed when prices are suitable. It would seem that there is very little excuse for dumping crops on the markets this year and taking what speculators will pay for them.—Farm & Ranch.

Just Received big lot Victrola, Columbia and Lyric Phonograph Records. Sanders Drug Store. tf

We serve Ice Cream every day at the sanitary self serving store. tf

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Flatt of Christopher, Illinois are visiting W. H. Reese and J. N. Reese. Mr. Flatt is an Uncle to Mrs. W. H. Reese and Mrs. Flatt is a sister to W. H. and J. N. Reese. Mr. Flatt is prospecting in behalf of an Illinois Oil Company.

Swelling caused by insect bites can be reduced by using Ballard Snow Liniment. It counteracts the poison and relieves the irritation. Three sizes, 30c, 60c, and \$1.20 per bottle. Sold by Sanders Drug Store. July

#### ICELESS DAYS

We regret very much in being unable to furnish you ice the first days this week.

We fear that we will have several iceless days this summer. We are trying all Factories in West Texas with all same results crowded beyond capacity. Waco the largest Factory in Texas, could not furnish us one car.

We would not regret the loss so much, if we could only give you better service, but assuring you that we will continue to do our best to serve you better.

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#### LOCAL ITEMS

Roy Curtis of Sweetwater is visiting his Aunt, Miss Amanda Curtis of this place this week.

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Our good friend and fellow townsman, D. O. Huddleston has this week purchased a beautiful new Buick Roadster for Mrs. Huddleston.

Plenty of Screen Doors at the Merkel Lumber Company. tf

The Farmers & Merchants National Bank is a member of the Federal Reserve System, supervised and controlled by Uncle Sam. We invite your business.

Miss Mary Alice Johnson and little brother W. L. of El Paso, are in the city on an extended visit to their grand parents, Judge and Mrs. W. W. Wheeler and other relatives.

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Prof. A. C. Boswell and wife of Ringgold, Texas, came in first of the week for an extended visit with the latter's parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Murrell. Prof. Boswell has been Superintendent of the Ringgold schools for the past year and has been re-elected for another term.

Marvin Smith, employed by the Barrow Furniture Company of this place, is spending the week in Abilene, where he is helping install a wholesale House for the above Company.

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### MORNING OR EVENING? YOUTH OR AGE?

A few evenings since we stood before a dozen young women and men who had completed the course of study of one of the state's high schools and had gathered to receive their certificates of graduation. What a happy-faced, what a jolly ensemble of youth it was. Not a line of care could be seen on the brows of the happy young people and the smiles on their lips showed plainly that every heart was singing a song of gladness. And we said, how delightful if the stretch of human life could be a continuous morning, with eternal springtime in every heart, the smiles of hope on every lip and the velvety softness of youth on every cheek.

A few nights later we sat with a man and his life companion who had lived out more than the allotted years of mankind. There were furrows in their cheeks and on their brows and their footsteps were tottering, but they were happy. It was not the noisy happiness of youth, but the subdued and peaceful joys of eventide. They craved nothing, they put forth no efforts for pleasures of for gain—they only smiled and loved and waited. And we asked ourselves whether the joys of youth transcend the joys of age.

Is morning lovelier than evening. Is the allegro sweeter than the perseroso? Do the major chords minister to our hearts more than the minor notes?

Aurora indeed is gorgeous, but sunset is sublime. It's glorious when the king of day swings open the gate of morning and fills the great celestial concave with floods of mellow light, but is it more glorious than when the fan-shaped bars of the declining sun turn the ocean's blue to gold? The swelling notes of the Elijah chorus thrill and inspire, but do they fall upon the heart with sweeter cadence than the minor chords of "Abide with me, fast falls the eventide?" Nature is kind. For

the rosy morning of youth there are glee and glitter and sunlit splendors, but for the gloaming of life's eventide there are the gentler scenes and the softer songs of peace.—Ex.

Hot weather is hard on teething babies. They suffer the combined misery of heat, pain and stomach disorder. McGee's Baby Elixir helps the little sufferer through the trying period by correcting the stomach and bowels. Price, 35c and 60c. Sold by Sanders Drug Store. Jly

### WEDDING

Gifts of real value. New line in stock of Electric Percolators, Grills, Irons and Toasters.

Mrs. G. A. Roberts and children of Cisco have been visiting her sister the past week.

## Life Was a Misery

Mrs. F. M. Jones, of Palmer, Okla., writes: "From the time I entered into womanhood . . . I looked with dread from one month to the next. I suffered with my back and bearing-down pain, until life to me was a misery. I would think I could not endure the pain any longer, and I gradually got worse. . . Nothing seemed to help me until, one day, . . . I decided to

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Indianapolis, Indiana.—Federal Judge A. B. Anderson, the jurist who heard the famous dynamiter cases arising out of the Los Angeles Times bomb tragedy, delivered a sermonette from the bench to William F. Watts, who was being examined before him for citizenship. When the latter admitted he had imbibed some socialistic ideas, a-

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Bring your cream to Duckett's Store on Tuesdays and Fridays if you want me to handle it for you. W. P. Duckett. tf

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If you have visitors, or if you know any item which would be of interest to readers of the Mail, the editor would appreciate a note or a telephone message to that effect. Or, if an occurrence of unusual interest transpires a reporter will be promptly sent to get the full particulars.

**PATRONS OF THE MAIL** who do not receive their paper regularly will confer a favor upon the management by reporting the fact. You should also watch the label of your paper to ascertain when your time is out and renew before your name automatically leaves our list, as all papers stop when the term of subscription expires.

**DIES RESULT OF INJURIES**

Forrest Neblet, Western Union operator at Sweetwater died this morning (Monday) at 7:30 in a local sanitarium as a result of a railroad accident which occurred Sunday afternoon just the other side of Trent.

Deceased with a friend had boarded the first westbound T. and P. at Trent, and the train was just leaving Trent when the coach which deceased was on being crowded, he attempted to get off and hop the one behind. He was thrown under, both legs were severed from the body, one just below the knee, and the other just above the knee, and his skull fractured.

He was put in an auto and rushed to a sanitarium at this place, where he died this morning. The body will be taken to Sweetwater this afternoon on the first train.

**BUILDS NICE HOME**

Mr. E. Wills has just completed a nice eight-room bungalow home on his splendid farm two miles north.

Rose's Barber Shop, the cleanest, coolest place in town to get your barber work. Try it and see.

Saturday at the Gem. German U35. Submarine. It

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The following announcements are made subject to the action of the Democratic Primary in July, 1920.

District Offices ..... \$15.00  
County Offices ..... \$12.50  
Precinct Offices ..... \$8.00

For District Judge, 42nd Judicial District:

E. M. Overshiner  
W. R. Ely, of Baird.

District Clerk:

James W. Mayfield  
J. Knox Fuller

For Sheriff:

John Bond (re-election)

For County Judge:

W. E. Martin  
J. W. Moffett  
D. G. Hill

For County Attorney:

Carlos D. Speck,  
T. M. Willis,

For County Tax Assessor:

Mrs. Florence Vance  
Roy Parmelly

County Treasurer:

Austin Fitts.

For County Clerk:

(Miss) Fannie Tippet

For Tax Collector:

D. T. Harkrider  
J. N. Routh.

County Commissioner of Prec. 2

S. A. (Sid) Coats.  
W. H. Frazier

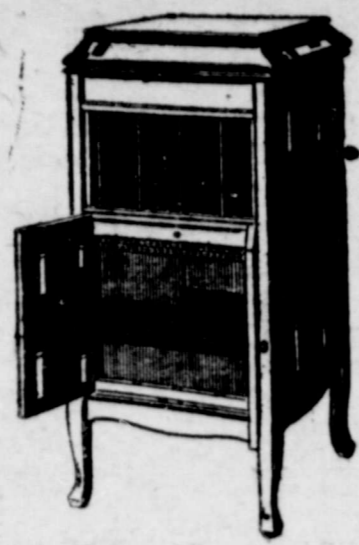
County School Superintendent.

John F. Odor.  
John R. Hutto

For Public Weigher:

J. M. Garrett

**Columbia Grafonolas!**



An assortment of these splendid and popular Musical Instruments are now on display in our store. Their quality is well known to every person who has had the pleasure of using one.

**Let us Put One in Your Home**

Besides having one of the best musical instruments in your home, you will have a beautiful and ornamental piece of furniture.

**Columbia Records**

We also wish to call your attention to the fact that we have just received the largest number and most varied selections of Columbia Records ever brought to this section of West Texas. These records can be used on many other makes of talking machines and we invite you to come in and make your selection of these records, by the world's most famous musicians and singers.



**Merkel Drug Company**

Mayor J. J. Stallings returned Wednesday from a visit to his farm where he had been to supervise some improvements in the way of painting and otherwise improving the residence on same. The Mayor has also just recently had his splendid home in Merkel repainted etc.

A teaspoonful of Herbine will produce a copious and purifying bowel movement, improve appetite, restore mental activity and a fine feeling of vigor and cheerfulness. Price, 60c. Sold by Sanders Drug Store. Jly

Miss Eva Williams, our splendid Postmistress, returned last week from Temple, where she had been for some time. Her many friends are very glad to know that she returned feeling fine and very much improved in health.

Carl Decker and wife of Strawn and Tommie Decker of Lincoln Nebraska, were here this week, guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Sharp.

Try a sack of Marechal Neal Flour. None better. Bob Martin Grocery Company. tf

Miss Blanche Durham who has been attending Southern Methodist University, at Dallas, arrived Monday/night to make Merkel her home. She will assist in the publication of the Merkel Mail, having charge of the bookkeeping and Collecting and will also assist in soliciting and gathering news.

Mrs. J. S. Swann returned this week from a visit to her daughter Mrs. Henry Jones at Tulia.

**WANTED**

Clean, white cotton rags at the Merkel Mail office

**Correspondents Wanted**

We want to make the Merkel Mail a real live, newsy weekly paper, one that will interest every person in the town and surrounding country. In order to do this we must do our best to publish as near all the news of the whole community. Therefore we want a good, live capable correspondent in each school community surrounding the city. We invite each and every one to come in and get acquainted with us, and when you see us tell us the news.

**VOTE**

for  
**J. W. MOFFETT**  
for  
**County Judge**

**COZY THEATRE**

**SPECIAL MATINEE SATURDAY 2:00 TO 5:30 P. M.**

Friday, July 2  
**Douglas Fairbanks**  
in  
"WHEN THE CLOUDS ROLL BY"  
Larry Semon in "Dew Drop Inn"

Monday, July 5  
**The Silent Avenger No. 2**  
GRACE CUNARD The Wonder Dog  
in in  
"The Gun Game" "Good Little Brownie"

Wednesday July 7  
**Tom Mix**  
In a new 5-reel Fox Special Feature  
"The Feud"  
Sunshine Comedy Topics of the Day

Coming—  
**HARRY CAREY**  
(Overland Red)  
IN  
"Marked Men"

Saturday July 3  
**Gladys Brockwell Fatty Arbuckle**  
in in  
"The Devils Riddle" "Reckless Romeo"  
Mutt & Jeff in "Dead Eye Jeff"

Tuesday, July 6  
**Douglas McClean and Dorris May**  
IN  
"23 1/2 Hours Leave"  
Hall Room Boys Pathe Review

Thursday, July 8  
**Marguirete Clark Comedy Art**  
in  
"Three Men and a Girl" The Gumps

Coming—  
**JACK PICKFORD**  
IN  
"The Little Sheppard of Kingdom Come"

**BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENT**

Sunday School 10 a. m. with Mr. Walter Jackson in charge. Classes for every-body. We are looking for three hundred again Sunday.

In connection with the morning worship we will observe the Lords Supper. Let every member of the church be present.

At the evening hour we will have public installation of officers of our B. Y. P. U.

Regular B. Y. P. U. program at 5 p. m.

Teachers meeting Monday 8:30 Prayermeeting Wednesday 8:30

Come to the morning services for your own good. Come at night for the help and encouragement of our worthy young people.

Let us like Gideons Men "Stand every man in his place round about the camp." Let all the membership come and help make the services what they ought to be, and let those who ought to be members come and help us, to make the church what it ought to be.

A cordial welcome awaits you at all these services. Ira L. Par-rack, pastor.

**EPWORTH LEAGUE PRO-**

GRAM FOR JULY THE 4th Subject—"Our Duty to our Country."

Leader—Elmer Landreth.

Song—"America."

Scripture—(Isac 1:16-20.)

Male Quartette.

Announcements.

Song—"Song to the Flag."

Talk—"Our Duty to our Country." Dr. R. I. Grimes.

Talk—"Patriotism by Rule." Mr. Henry Askew.

Reading—Lucy Tracy.

Leader's talk, "America among Nations."

Song "Battle Hymn of the Re-public."

Roll Call.

League Benediction.

**A TEXAS WONDER**

For kidney and bladder troubles, gravel, diabetes, weak and lame back, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder. Regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, by mail \$1.25. Small bottle is two month's treatment, and often perfects a cure. Send for testimonials from this and other states. Dr E W. Hall, 2926 Olive, Street, St Louis Mo., Sold by druggists.

A child can't get strong and robust while worms eat away its strength and vitality. A dose or two of Whitt's Cream Vermi fuge puts the little one on its feet again. Price, 35c. Sold by Sanders Drug Store. Jly

Mrs. H. T. Merritt and son Jack and F. C. Sanders returned Thursday, after a two-months visit to relatives and friends in Tennessee and Kentucky.

Miss Freeman, who has been quite sick for some time has recovered sufficiently to return to her work at the Merkel Bakery and Candy Shop.

Miss Katy Sue Reed, of Hills-boro, is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg.

B. F. Cox and family left last Sunday for an extended visit to friends and relatives in the states of Tennessee and Alabama.

There is nothing in the whole list of flesh-healing remedies that can approach Liquid Borozone in the rapidity with which it heals cuts, wounds, sores, burn or scalds. It is a marvelous discovery. Price, 30c 60c and \$1.20. Sold by Sanders Drug Store. Jly

We are glad to learn that Leonard Wills, who has been sick for some time is improving nicely at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Mallow of Dallas, after a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Largent, returned to their home first of the week.

Miss Hazel Harkrider is making an extended visit to friends in Coleman.



**IT HAS BEEN SAID: "BY HIS SEASONAL CLEARANCE SHALL A MERCHANT BE KNOWN. THE REAL MERCHANT QUICKLY CLEARS HIS STOCKS, RELYING ON LOW PRICES PLUS QUALITY TO DO THE WORK. HE WILL GET IN MONEY TO RE-INVEST IN GOODS FOR NEXT SEASON."**

**THE ABOVE QUOTATION TELLS THE STORY.**

# New Goods for Fall are Beginning to Arrive

We want to clear our stocks of broken lines. The price reductions are drastic to insure a rapid clearance. And practically every department has many items it wishes to clear immediately--articles you are using now, and will use for the next two months. These goods you can purchase at such saving as will warrant you in buying a supply and laying it aside until next season if you can't use it now. Every one in the store will be on tip toe and keenly alive to serve you cheerfully and promptly. Come early and choose early.

## SATURDAY SPECIALS

All men and boys Clothing ..... 33 1/3 off  
 All men and boys straw and panama Hats ..... 33 1/3 off  
 All men, women and childrens Shoes ..... 33 1/3 off  
 All men, women and childrens Hose ..... AT COST

**Your choice any Silk Dress in the store for Saturday only \$14.95**

One lot of beautiful Georgette Waists, a wonderful assortment in white and flesh in the latest necks \$5, \$6, \$7 values, FOR SATURDAY ONLY \$2.95

# THE ECONOMY STORE

WHERE YOU ECONOMIZE

Beasley Block 3 doors from the Postoffice



**WANTED**—Clean white Rags. Will pay 5 cents per pound. Merkel Mail Office.

**HORSES FOR SALE**—Work horses, saddle horses and unbroken purcheron mares. Geo. R. DeNise Jr., Sweetwater, Texas, Room 5 Crane Bldg. Phone 92. Inquire at Moore's Grocery 15t2

**FOR SALE**—I have three good farms for sale. Better buy them while they are cheap. See J. C. Mason. 25t2pd

**FOR SALE**—We have 3 tons of cotton seed for feeding purposes at 75 cents per bushel. Mason & Ragan. 25t2pd

**KEEP YOUR LABOR SATISFIED** by properly housing them. Write for our complete price list of Army Tents and other surplus army goods.—ARMY EQUIPMENT CO., 111 Main st., Fort Worth, Texas, P. O. Box 1870. 25t2pd

**FOR SALE**—A good second-hand windmill See S. L. Owenstf

**FOR SALE**—337 acres of land located from one and a half to seven miles from three wells, 6 miles from Merkel. See Grady Collins, phone 73, Merkel, Tex. tf

**FOR SALE**—Two front Fenders for Ford Automobile. See them at Patterson Bros. Meat Market. Herbert Patterson. 1tp

**COAL**—Have just received the following notice:  
 Fort Worth, Texas, June 25, 20  
 Dear Sir:—

We shopped to you 6-24 car McAlester Deep Shaft Domestic Lump Coal C. & A. 42593. Invoice will be mailed promptly.

(Signed) Cobden Fuel Co.  
 If you want the best Coal coming to Merkel I believe this is it. T. J. R. Swafford, phone 291. 1t

Plenty of Screen Doors at the Merkel Lumber Company. tf

**LOST**—Two Cows. One a pale muley cow about 3 years old branded L with bar under it, on left side. Other left about the 20 of May, young brown Jersey cow with horns and same brand as other one. Finder please notify and receive reward. Charles Orr, Merkel, Texas. 2t5p

**FOR SALE**—4 used Casings and Tubes, Goodyear nonskid 30x31 1/2 Cheap for quick sale. Dr. Miller. 1t

**FOR SALE**—Three gallon milk Cow; unbroken 3-year-old Mare; five 6-weeks-old Pigs. Walter Jackson. 1t

**PIGS FOR SALE**—\$5.00 each. Red stock. Three miles south of town. W. T. Cox. 2t2pd

**FOUND**—A ladies Purse, containing money. Owner can get same by properly describing same and paying for this notice. Call at the Economy Store.

C. T. Beckham and wife and Coleman Whitfield of Trent left this week for their old homes in Arkansas. They will be gone about two months.

Way your Hay. Phone 291. 2t2

Plenty of Screen Doors at the Merkel Lumber Company. Fresh Cream Meal at G. M. Sharp's. tf

## BUY PROPERTY NOW

Farm and city property values can hardly decline. There is promise of big crops this year. If you intend buying, let us show you now. Doubtless we can save you money.

## Fire Insurance

Remember we write fire insurance on town and country property.

## Merkel Realty Co.

W. O. BONEY

WALTER JACKSON

## DR. CYRUS TOWNSEND BRADY'S LAST STORY ON THE SCREEN

The Gem Theatre announces "The Blood Barrier" as the feature on their program for next Monday. Sylvia Breamer and Robert Gordon, the popular favorites, are the stars of this newest J. Stuart Lackton-Pathé Production.

Dr. Cyrus Townsend Brady wrote "The Blood Barrier" for the screen, it being his last story before his recent death. Dr. Brady will be remembered as the author of "The Island of Regeneration," "The Isle of Surprise," "Britton of the Seventh," "Whom the Gods Destroy" and many other interesting stories.

## ICE FAMINE

We urge our customers to use just as little Ice as you possibly can. Most of the towns that have no factory are out and have been for many days, with very little chance to get any. We have been lucky so far, but can't say how long we will stay lucky. Abilene can't make enough for their own use. Yours to please. ED'S ICE COMPANY.

## LOCAL NEWS

Dr. W. V. Cranford left first of the week for a visit to friends and relatives in Louisiana.

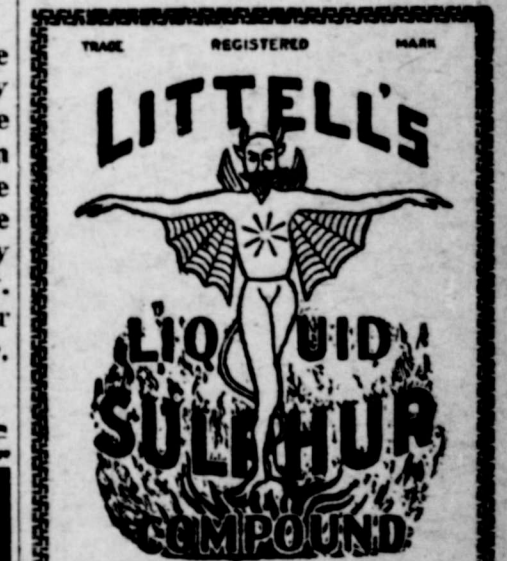
Plenty of Thresher Coal. Phone 291. 2t2

Guy Darsey returned Wednesday evening from a business?? trip to Amarillo.

Screen Doors, plenty of them, and all kinds, at Burton-Lingo Lumber Company. tf

Dr. and Mrs. C. F. Faulkner and children of Whitney, Texas are visiting at the home of P. M. Smith.

Read the Merkel Mail everyday



It is a powerful and scientific combination of sulphur and other healing agents for the relief and cure of diseases of the skin. It is especially effective in the ITCHING VARIETIES; giving instant relief from the itching and smarting sensations and by its germ-destroying properties it exterminates the microbe which is the cause of the eruption, thus curing the disease completely.

Littell's Liquid Sulphur Compound is used in all cases of Eczema, Tetter, Barber's Itch, Psoriasis, Herpes, Rash, Oak and Ivy Poisoning, also for relieving the annoyance caused by chiggers and mosquito bites.

In the treatment of ECZEMA—the most painful and obstinate of all skin diseases—it is one of the most successful remedies known.

Small size 50 cents bottle. Large size \$1.00  
 JAMES F. BALLARD, Prop. St. Louis, Mo.

## BABY'S PICTURE

—and the other childrens too

HAVE THEM MADE NOW WHILE THEIR TIME IS NOT TAKEN UP WITH SCHOOL DUTIES  
 MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENTS BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 10 A. M. AND 3 P. M.

OUR KODAK BUSINESS IS INCREASING AT A GREAT RATE — WHY? BRING US YOUR FILMS AND WE'LL SHOW YOU.  
 TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS AND SATURDAYS ARE THE DAYS WE FINISH AND DELIVER  
 "Photographs of the Better Kind"

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# ENLARGEMENT OF FURNITURE STOCK

The very marked increase in our business during the past few months has made it necessary for us to carry much larger stocks in all lines. So in order to meet these demands we have assembled a large amount of the very best values in new Home Furnishings the market affords. You are all our friends and we have for you a cheerful greeting and real bargains in anything in popular Home Furniture and Floor Covering.

**THE FOLLOWING ARE JUST A FEW OF THE MANY BARGAINS WE HAVE FOR YOU**

## REFRIGERATORS

In order that we do not have any Refrigerators to carry over to next season we will close the entire stock out at a big discount. It will pay you to see our prices.

## ICE CREAM FREEZERS

If you are at all interested in the purchase of an ice Cream Freezer be sure and see our line. We have as good as money can buy and our prices are beyond question the very lowest.

## NEW LINOLEUM

A shipment of new Linoleum has enabled us to make a large showing of the most popular new patterns. We carry nothing but the standard goods and guarantee every piece we sell.

## SPECIAL SHOWING OF RUGS AND ART SQUARES

By Comparison you will find our prices on Rugs much lower than the usual selling prices which is due to the efficiency of our buying connections. Just at this time we are showing some special good values in some new lines which have just come in and we want you to see them.

## IVORY BED ROOM SUIT

Nothing will add more to the comfort and pride of your home than a fine period bed Room Suit such as we are offering at only \$200.00. If you were to place this Suit along side the average \$225.00 Suite you would choose ours for the best.

## 4-PIECE BED ROOM SUIT \$135.00

We have a special four-piece Oak Bed Room Suit we will sell at the small sum of \$135.00. The present market value is \$165.00.

## OIL COOK STOVES

The hot season brings increased demand for Oil Cook Stoves. We carry nothing but the most standard high grade lines. We are anxious to show you the new goods with all the improvements including the fireless cooker attachments. It will be worth your time to call and see them.

## GOCARTS AND SULKEYS

Our showing of child's gocarts and Sulkeys are very much the best we have ever carried. The prices are not as low as they were sometime ago but there is a bargain in every one we offer.

## ROCKING CHAIRS

The noted increase in our sales of Rockers is due to the excess value we are giving. We carry a large line of the most standard goods in medium and highs of all sizes and styles. It will be our pleasure and your gain to look the line over before buying.

# J. T. Darsey & Company

Carey's Blue Ribbon Paint

Nails, Screen Wire

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BE-IF YOU WAIT?  
**BUILD**  
DON'T WAIT



WAITING, procrastination, for any reason, never made for success, never showed a profit.

The successful man acts, goes ahead in spite of apparent obstacles which in nine cases out of ten later prove not to have been obstacles at all.

It is our earnest advice to you to build according to your needs, and don't miss a single profit waiting for better building conditions which may never come.

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Phone 62 **MERKEL LUMBER CO.**  
N.D. COBB, MGR.

LUMBER & BUILDING MATERIAL MERKEL, TEXAS

P. S.—Do not wait for low prices  
Buy Now

Lime, Brick and Cement

Window Glass

## SUMMER

The summer time is here once more, with scented winds from far-off shore, suggesting eastern drags; the air's voluptuous and sweet; the summer time would be a treat, but for the beastly bugs. The earth is carpeted with green, the smoothest color ever seen, a brilliant blue the skies; sometimes there is a gold en haze, and one might love the summer day but for the nasty flies. A stranger bird has ceased to soar, and pauses, singing by my door; its melody enchants; and I could listen to its song, in ecstasy, the whole day long, but for the noxious ants. And I could take my picnic pail, and have an outing in the vale, and roam sequestered brakes, find inspiration for a rhyme, and have the blamest kind of time, but for the slimy snakes. Now on her way proud summer struts, and but for sundry ifs and buts all mankind she would please; 'twould be a blessing to repose where yonder elm its shadow throws, but for the wasps and bees. Oh, I would take my lyre in arms, and sing of summer's gorgeous charms, in most exalted terms, and celebrate her queenly ways, her starlit nights and sunny days, but for the slugs and worms.—Walt Mason.—Ex.

Fresh car of Peacemaker Flour at G. M. Sharp's.

## PROFESSIONAL

**DR. GAMBILL**  
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THURSDAY JULY 8

Merkel, Texas

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P. L. McClary Contractor.  
Phone 19.

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Let Thomas Bros. do your  
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for

**J. W. MOFFETT**

for

County Judge

E. B. RODDEN

H. GRIER

**MILL WORK**

**GLASS AND PUTTY**

We Sell it and Put it In

We will sell you a

Complete House Bill

Let us figure with you

**Merkel Manufacturing Co.**

2 1/2 Blocks west of Postoffice



# Hardware and Groceries

We have just received a car of Hercules Buggies and they are on the floor ready for your inspection. If you need a new buggy we will be glad you call and look them over.

Big line of Perfection Oil Stoves on hand, including Fireless Cookers, and also with or without cabinets. Our stock of Hardwood is very complete in all its departments and when you need anything in Hardwood we will appreciate a visit.

We carry a complete line of GROCERIES, and our goods and prices are right. Try us for Groceries this month. Free Delivery.

## Crown Hardware Co.



Merkel, Texas



There were some pretty long waits for the Doctor in the horse-and-buggy days

MAKE it easier to get around and you make healthier and happier communities. No one any longer questions the worth of the automobile — or begrudges any legitimate expense connected with it.

But millions of car owners are rebelling at the idea that running an automobile has got to mean waste.

II

Every now and then you hear a neighbor complain that "he doesn't seem to have much luck with tires."

Send him to us.

The minute a man begins to question the service his tires are giving him, he's ready to listen to reason.

Our business is built on the principle that the only way to get better tire service is to get better tires to start with.

That's why we have taken the representation for U. S. Tires.

III

U. S. Tires have a reputation for quality.

Built up through years of creating better tires. Such as the straight side automobile tire, the pneumatic truck tire.

It is not by chance that U. S. Tires are made by the oldest and largest rubber concern in the world.

We are proud to represent U. S. Tires in this community.

### United States Tires

Beasley Brothers

Select your tires according to the roads they have to travel:

In sandy or hilly country, wherever the going is apt to be heavy—The U. S. Nobby.

For ordinary country roads—The U. S. Chain or Usco.

For front wheels—The U. S. Plain.

For best results—everywhere—U. S. Royal Cords.



ROYAL CORD - NOBBY CHAIN - USCO - PLAIN

#### TRADE BALANCE IS SEVENTEEN BILLION

Washington, June 29.—Since the beginning of the world war in 1914, the United States has rolled up a trade balance of approximately \$17,000,000,000 against the world. This exceeds by several billions of dollars the total balance in favor of the United States from 1875 to 1914. Department of Commerce figures today show that the trade balance made in favor of the United States in the fiscal year ending in 1914, one month before the war began, was only \$470,000,000. During the first year of the war it was \$1,094,419,600 and in the next year ending June 30, 1916, it was \$2,135,599,375. During the succeeding year the total was \$3,530,693,209.

Meantime the United States had entered the struggle, and in the year ending June 30, 1918—the first full fiscal year of America's participation—the balance was only \$2,974,055,973. In the next year ending last June 30, however, it was \$4,136,562,618.

During the first eleven months of this fiscal year the balance was only \$2,788,451,602. But ex-

ports were larger in those eleven months than in any other full fiscal year in the Nation's history, totaling \$7,474,193,349, as against the previous twelve months' record of \$7,232,282,686 made during the last fiscal year. At the same time that America's export trade began to advance by leaps and bounds, the imports trade also showed an enormous increase, totaling \$2,917,883,510 in the year ending June 30, 1916, and advancing steadily each year to a new high record of \$4,685,741,747 during the eleven months of the present fiscal year. The previous high record was \$3,095,720,068 last year.

Most of the favorable trade balance of the United States has been against the allied and neutral countries of Europe. Many of the South American and North American countries and some of those in the Far East have a balance against the United States.

Try a sack of Marechal Neal Flower. None better, Bob Martin Grocery Company. tf

Just Received big lot Victrola, Columbia and Lyric Phonograph Records. Sanders Drug Store. tf

## Gem Theatre

### BIG SHOW GOOD MUSIC BIG PRODUCTIONS

To-Night  
One of the best wrestling matches ever pulled in Merkel

John Chadwick, Merkel  
VS

Kid Culter, St Louis

Ex Middleweight Champion of the world

Also a big comedy picture show  
"Her Nitro Knight" the second Charlie Chaplin  
Fun Fast and Furious

"Trailed by Three" the Big Serial starts don't miss the first episode.

Late Pathe News and Screen Magazine  
This is the biggest show that has ever been put on in Merkel in some time so don't miss it.

Saturdays Program

OFFICIAL EXPLOITS OF THE GERMAN SUBMARINE U 35

Actual motion pictures taken aboard German Submarine U 35 showing the sinking and destruction of fifteen ships. After you have seen this picture you won't forget what your boy went across the water for and if you have never seen any barbarians see this picture.

Also Pathe News

Next week the Mersereaus one week of harmony land. The same prices will prevail for the Vaude-week.

Matinee Daily, at 2:15

### Gem Theatre

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DAYS | TRENT, TEXAS, JULY 9TH AND 10TH | DAYS

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## THE RODEO

Ben Howell, one of the few men who was able to top the hurrican deck of that noted Horse Blue Jay and stay "put" will have charge of this. He will offer for your approval, contestants in, wild steer riding, wild horse riding, pony and sweepsteak races and last but probably best a goat roping contest in which the best talent of West Texas will participate.

Parties desiring to enter any of these contests should take the matter up with Ben Howell, Arena Director, Trent, Texas.

### PUBLIC SPEAKING

According to first plans Congressman Blanton and his opponent Hon. R. N. Grisham, both candidates for Congress, were to speak on different days during the picnic.

It has now been arranged so that these well known speakers and public men will meet in joint discussion on the morning of July 10th, the last day of the picnic. This undoubtedly will be the greatest treat of it's kind you will be able to hear during the present campaign and possibly the only time you will have an opportunity to hear these men in joint discussion. Don't fail to be at Trent Saturday morning July 10th, in order to insure getting a seat you had better come Friday the 9th and stay over until the 10th.

All other candidates are invited to be present during both days of this celebration.

### BASE BALL

Sweetwater and Trent teams will stage a show in baseball second to none you can see in this section. Timber to make up the teams is being gotten together now. One game on each of the two days. Sweetwater and Trent have already played two games this season with one game each to their credit. Game starts at 1:00 p. m. each day.

### TAKE A TRIP IN THE AIR

Aviator Montague, an ex-army flyer will be here Friday morning July 9th and will give regular passenger flights. He will also be on hand for Saturday morning. Remember if you desire to take a flight or see any of the stunts you must be here during the morning as he will not be on the grounds during the afternoon.

### BIG VAUDEVILLE SHOW EACH EVENING

Manager Dale of the Gem Theatre of Merkel has booked a high class vaudeville troupe for the picnic. They will give one complete performance each evening beginning at eight o'clock in the school auditorium. Get your reserved seats early. Seats on sale at R. B. JOHNSON'S DRUG STORE.

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2 Days **TRENT, TEXAS** JULY 9 & 10 2 Days